# No Material Progress on Either Side in Western Theatre

airmen, piloting Zeppelins, made a daring attack Christmas Day on the German naval base at Cuxhaven, at the mouth of the Elbe. Six of the airmen returned safely, but the seventh, Commander Hewlett, it is feared has been Cuxhaven, without doing any damage. lost. His machine was found wrecked off Holgoland.

What damage was done by the bombs thrown by the attacking party could party. December 27.—French and the ascertained, but the German re-

German fleet brought about a battle between the most modern of war machines. The British squadron, including the light cruisers Arethusa and Undaunted, which have been engaged in previous exploits, on the German const, were attacked by Zeppelins and submarines.

By rapid manoeuvring, the ships were able to avoid the submarines, while the Zeppelins found the fire of the cruisers too dangerous for them to continue the fight. The German Zeppelins dropped bombs, which according to the British account, fell harmlessly into the sea. The Germans claim to have hit two destroyers and their convey, the latter being set afire.

Issued in Paris this afternoon. The communication also states that the Germans have reoccupied the city of Mlawa, in Russian Poland.

In Belgium and in most of Northern France, intermittent cannonading and slight gains are reported, together with the repulse of German attacks at various points. The report says in part:

"A dirigible dropped a dozen bombs on Nancy, in the centre of the city and without military reason. Our aviators in return bombarded aviation hangars, one of the railroad stations of Metz, where movements of trains were noted, and the barracks of St. Privat at Metz. the latter being set afire.

BRITISH ANNOUNCEMENT

The British announcement by the Secretary of the Admiralty, made public by the official press bureau, follows:

vicinity of Helgoland.

destroyer force with submarines. As soon as these ships were seen by the care force or four hostile seaplanes, and three or four hostile seaplanes, and three or four hostile seaplanes, acting in conjunction with several hos-

By swift manoeuvring the enemy's submarines were avoided, and the Zep-pelins were easily put to flight by the guns of the Undaunted and the Are-

"The enemy's scaplanes dropped bembs near our ships without hitting

"The British ships remained for three hours off the enemy's coast without front have been repulse, being molested by any surface vessel, suffering heavy losses. being molested by any surface vessel, and, incidentally, below the battleships' the seven airmen with their machines. Three other pilots returned later and the were standing by Their machines were sunk. Six out of the seven sirted were standing by Their machines were sunk. Six out of the seven mander Hewlett is missing. His machine was seen in a wrecked condition amount of the was seen in a wrecked condition at action tells in the fate of the daring and skilful pilot serving sort a star the force and supposed to patternois to be supposed to patternois to be such strange to the serving the sort of skills arm point be started and star time when the french results arm point be seen. At best they would not be seen. At the struction of the seven that such and structure and structure and struc

T. P. Newsome.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch]
EMPORIA, VA., December 27.—T. P.
Newsome died very suddenly of apoplexy yesterday. He was returning to his daughter's house with his little grandchild in his arms, when he was stricken just as he reached the front

Mr. Newsome was one of Emporla's oldest citizens, being in his sixty-fifth year. He is survived by his widow and six children: Thomas, of New York: Mr. Newsome was one of Emporta's six children: Thomas, of New York: Marvin and Charles, of Richmond; Holt, Mrs. C. A. Reid and Miss Effic, of The interment will be in the Emporia Cemetery.

## DEATHS

LIGGAN.—Died, at the residence of her husband, W. N. Liggan, 214 Monteiro Avenue, Friday, December 25, at 12 o'clock noon, MRS. EMMA JONES LIGGAN. Besides her husband, she leaves two daughters—Mrs. F. P. Vest and Miss Helen M. Liggan, and two sisters—Mrs. A. P. O'Brien and Mrs. George W. Schlieser—to mourn their loss.
Funeral from above residence MONDAY at 3 P. M., and interment in Oakwood.

METZ IS BOMBARDED BY FRENCH AVIATORS

PARIS, December 27.-French aviaport of the attack says the raid was gars, a railroad station and barracks fruitless. The enterprise of the British navy tack on Nancy by a German Zeppelin, in thus attempting to "dig out" the according to the official communication. German fleet brought about a battle issued in Paris this afternoon. The

"In Russia the Germans, who re-The British ships remained in the vicinity for three hours without being attacked by any surface warships. change."

OF DARING ATTACK FURTHER SUCCESSES CLAIMED BY WAR OFFICE AT BERLIN

BERLIN, December 27.—The follow-ing official announcement was made "On Friday, December 25, German at main army headquarters to-day: was made warships, lying in Schillig Roads, of Cuxhaven, were attacked by seven naval seaplanes.

"The attack was delivered at daylight, starting from a point in the vicinity of Halveland."

"In the region of Albert in the discount of the coast this morning.

"In the region of Albert, in the di-"The British seaplanes were escorted by a light cruiser and a torpedo-bont destroyer force with submarines. As

acting in conjunction with several nos-tile submarines, attacked them.

"In upper Alsace the French made attacks on our positions east of the ships to remain in the neighborhood ships to remain in the neighborhood ships to remain in the neighborhood in order to pick up the returning airmen. A naval combat ensued between the most modern cruisers on the one hand and the enemy's aircraft and but were repulsed. During a night attack the French took possession of an important height to the east of Thann, but were repulsed by a vigorous counterpart of the other. terattack, and to-day the height is in our possession.

"There is no change in East Prussia. "Our attacks in Poland on a branch of the Bzura and the Rawka are proof the Bzura and the Rawka are pro-gressing slowly. To the southeast of To-maszow our offensive was successful. Continued Russian attacks from a southerly direction on the Ilowo-Lodz front have been repulsed, the Russians

John Horton.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

[GLADESBORO, VA., December 27.—

John Horton, died on Wednesday and was buried at the family burying ground yesterday. Mr. Horton was a member of the Primitive Baptist

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

"The Socialist leader, Katayama, of Tokyo, writing in Vorwaerts, condemns Japan's war policy and blames the Japanese government for not trying to come to a peaceable understanding SAYS HIS WATCH WAS STOLEN

A report from Copenhagen says the

"In the direction of Dukla (Carpa-



The Czar Inspecting Cossacho at the Front The Canr, on his inspection of his Cossack troops, whom he is wishing the heat of luck on the battlefield.

threatened to fire, and the mob fled.
The Virginia and the North Carolina then left for Dedeagatsch. Later the then left for Dedeagatsch. Later the warmer.

But Farmville Man Is Unable to Say Whether It Was Gold or Silver.

## NO PROTEST BY POWERS

Italian Occupation of Avious Proceeds Satisfactorily.

EASTWOOD.—Entered into rest at her residence, 2040 Park Avenue, this in disorder. We captured eight more disorder. We captured eight more M. D. Eastwood, of Portsmouth, Va. Funeral from residence TO-DAY, MONDAY, at 3 o'clock. By request, no flowers.

and more than 2,500 soldiers prisoners. However, and more than 2,500 soldiers prisoners. We captured eight more litalian occupation of Aviona, Albania, and the hope generally is expressed here that no complications will arise which will force Italy to abandon neutrality.

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with Germany.

"A report from Copenhagen says the "A report from the says and report from the says an turned, and, for no apparent reason, a fuse explodes the projectile, hydroscale. Browder is alleged to have replied in kind, and then several other employes of the company of the company

railway company, W. M. Moseley. The man is said to have assaulted his wife and to have got the worst of the argument. He was later arrested by Policeman Smallwood on a warrant charging him with making the assault upon his better half.

## PLACE HELD FOR JOFFRE

No Competition for Vacancy Among the "Immortals."

"In the direction of Dukla (Carpathians), there were engagements on December 25 and 28, and the Austrians are in full retreat. In the latest engounters in this region the Austrians Bouth with a convalence tail lady, child or elderly lady. Address Miss B, 7 west Clay Street, Richmond, Va.

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[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]

PARIS, December 28.—L'Opinion announces that there will be no competition for the vacancy among the "Simultaneously and they sail of the Wacancy among the "Simultaneously and they sail of the Wacancy among the "Simultaneously and they sail of the Wacancy among the "Simultaneously and they are decided to reserve the vacancy for Gentlem and the competition of the Vacancy and the Albania state that Essad Pasha, the Provisional President, has gathered 8,South with a convergence of the Austrians decided to reserve the vacancy among the "Simultaneously and the Austrians decided to reserve the vacancy among the "Simultaneously and the Albania

## BY NAVY AND ZEPPELINS

Possibility of Combined Assault by Germans.

New Incendiary Projectile, When It Proves to Be Effective, First Will Be Submitted to Washington Government.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NEW YORK, December 27 .- The possibility of a combined attack upon the

"The Zeppelin, we are obliged to decide, has been a failure as a destroyer of cities and a wrecker of military camps," he declared. "Neither is it in the class with the aeroplane as a scout. Granting that the German government has not spent all this money foolishly, and taking other things into consideration, it appears to me that the Kaiser did not built his great fleet of dirigibles for any of the uses to which they have thus far been put.

"Some time ago the American newspapers carried stories of rather mysterious Zeppelin manoeuvres over Lake Constance. These dispatches had it that the dirigibles were seen hovering over the lake and leverted the restaution of the soldiers, are no longer bright and new, but they are not dirty or worn out. On seeing them one immediately realizes that the soldier is well supplied by a farseeing, attentive administration.

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The variety of uniforms, of course, are no longer bright and new, but they are not dirty or worn out. On seeing them of longer bright and new, but they are not dirty or worn out. On seeing them one immediately realizes that the soldiers at the tem one immediately realizes that the soldiers is well supplied by

design. Each mine could carry love pounds of a higher explosive.

"By means of piano wire these mines could be lowered. Each mine could be could be lowered. Fach mine could be could b equipped with a spherical float, which would permit the mine to dangle twelve feet below the surface of the water, and, incidentally, below the battleships to be difficult far beyond my forecast.

bogs practicable for the passage of troops. In Poland the weather is even warmer.

"The wirelessly controlled torpedo with which we have been working at Gloucester can be controlled from the shore and guided as far as the eve can when not in certain the controlled torpedo with which we have been working at Gloucester can be controlled from the shore and guided as far as the eve can when not in certain the controlled torpedo with which we have been working at the controlled torpedo with which we have been working at the controlled torpedo with which we have been working at the controlled torpedo with which we have been working at the controlled torpedo with which we have been working at the controlled torpedo with which we have been working at the controlled torpedo with which we have been working at the controlled torpedo with which we have been working at the controlled torpedo with which we have been working at the controlled torpedo with which we have been working at the controlled torpedo with which we have been working at the controlled torpedo with which we have been working at the controlled torpedo with which we have been working at the controlled torpedo with which we have been working at the controlled torpedo with which we have been working at the controlled torpedo with which we have been working at the controlled torpedo with the controlled torpedo with which we have been working at the controlled torpedo with the control STREET CAR MEN FIGHT

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Motorman and Conductor Arrested After Dispute at Car Barns.

A free-for-all fight at the terminal offices of the Virginia Railway and Power Company early yesterday morning resulted in the arrest of W. A. Browder, a motorman, and H. A. Palmer, a conductor. The fight is said to have been precipitated when a motorman asked the chief dispatcher to allow him to remain off duty yes-terday and the ferror and be controlled from the shore and be controlled from the shore and suite as the eye can see the antennae which appears above the surface. We erected a bamboo pole, one and a half inches in diameter and thirteen feet high, three and a half forward should an attack require reinforcements in the trenches. When the telephone bell rings the soldiers form and run to help their comrades.

The war, as fought to-day in France, needs patience besides courage, and the pounds of trinitrotoluol. It would destroy any battleship now affoat. Of course, it would travel submerged.

"The incendiary projectile would docile. Neither in the trenches nor in gifted and the course, it would travel submerged.

"The incendiary projectile would docile. Neither in the trenches or civilians, become the most docile. Neither in the trenches or civilians, and sleep in houses and beds, recuperate the surface. We erected a bamboo pole, one and a half inches in diameter and thirteen feet high, three and a half forward should an attack require reinforcements in the trenches. When the telephone bell rings the soldiers form and run to help their comrades.

The war, as fought to-day in France, needs patience besides courage, and the from the surface. We rected a bamboo pole, on the fatigue suffered in the trenches, while always ready to rush forward should an attack require reinforcements in the trenches. When the telephone bell rings the soldiers of the viral provided in the trenches. The trenches out of fifteen. At that rate, it should to revent the surface. The pro

ignite anything inflammable. Five the cities, among soldiers or civilians, seconds after it is fired from the gun have I noticed the slightest sign of im-

advancing along the Caucasian front. There is no truth in the Russian offi-cial report that the Hamidieh has been torpedoed at Sebastopol. The Turkish fleet, including the Hamidieh, steamed through the Black Sea and returned

"One of our warships on December 24 met a Russian squadron composed of five battleships, two cruisers, ten destroyers and three mine layers. The Turkish ship, single-handed, during the night attacked and bombarded the battleship.

## SEES CHANCE OF ATTACK | EVERY EFFORT POSSIBLE

John Hays Hammond, Jr., Talks on As Time Goes on Commissariat Service in French Army Becomes More Perfect.

DISCUSSES OWN INVENTION SOLDIERS NEVER IMPATIENT

Gaily Undergo Terrible Fatigues of War Because They Feel Life of Nation Is at Stake-Scarcest Things Are Tobacco and Newspapers.

BY GUGLIELMO FERRERO. (Copyright, 1914, by New York Amer-

great British Dreadnought fleet by the German navy and the Kaiser's Zeppelins was outlined vividly to-day by John Hays Hammond, Jr., the young man whose experiments and discoveries in his laboratories at Gloucoster, Mass., have shown him to be one of the coming leaders in scientific research and invention.

The Zeppelin we are chiled to the process the good condition of the soldiers. Their clothes and uniforms, of course, are no longer bright and new, but they

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AND SURE OF SUCCESS The curious phenomenon is explained

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Office SYDNOR & HUNDLEY'S by the fact that from the beginning of the war the people and, therefore, the mass of soldiers, have been optimistic and sure of success.

Since the middle of November only small engagements have taken place along the whole French front. It is clear General Joffre is waiting, but what he is waiting for nobody knows and nobody asks. If the generals believe the moment to advance has not yet arrived, they sured have their rest yet arrived, they surely have their rea-sons. Everybody, without knowing these reasons, accepts the situation

without question. The whole of France places herself implicitly in the hands of her great chiefs For this reason it is difficult the securate on the chiefs For this reason it is difficult for me to say anything accurate on the winter campaign and the immediate probabilities of war in the western theatre. I have talked with innumerable officers, and they all have spoken at great length on the past and present, but no one has talked of the future. Of the problems that concern Joffre, I can only express my impression for can only express my impression for what it is worth.

what it is worth.

It is certain that the war, even in the first phase, which ended on the Marne, that is the battle in the open field, has been exceedingly costly in lives. Perhaps costlier than believed, and even bloodier it has become in its second phase, when from the open field it because a battle of tranches. The battle came a battle of trenches. The battle of Alsne and the battle of Flanders caused rivers of blood, and the world was horrified when it came to know the was horrified when it came to know the exact figures of the victims fallen on both sides in these conflicts. It is therefore possible the French general staff decided to delay attacks on the German position for reasons both mili-tary and humanitarian. The longer the offensive was delayed the feebler would be the German resistance, because Germany has less means than the allies to resist a long war, and because meanwhile the Russians, even by merely advancing, retreating and attacking again, were exhausting the German

Constance. These dispatches had it that the dirigibles were seen hovering over the lake, and lowering dark objects towards the surface.

"Just why, and with what effect, the dispatches failed to state.

"But it suggested to me the possible real use for the Zeppelin. The German fleet could decide to attack the British Dreadnoughts at night. Four thousand fleet above the Britishers could soar the Zeppelins, fifty, eighty, 100 of them. Each Zeppelin could carry ten marine contact mines of special design. Each mine could carry 100 pounds of a higher explosive.

"By means of piano wire these mines the patriotic sentiment, that unites all hearts and makes individuals easily amenable to the will of officers.

Because the salvation of France is at stake, French soldiers, with their unorthodox uniforms, are gally undergoing fatigues of a war which seem going should not be surprised if the French commander-in-chief were waiting to

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